

FISCAL NOTE

SB 346 - HB 1679

February 19, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows local education agencies (LEAs) to spend BEP funds on improvements or adjustments of salaries. The bill removes the restriction on LEAs which prevents them from increasing salaries of existing personnel by using state funds appropriated for public education that have been allocated for new or additional positions, unless such funds are specifically appropriated for salary increases.

Present law requires all funds generated for the Basic Education Program to be spent on BEP components.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

To the extent local funds will be used for salary improvements or adjustments which would otherwise have been used for some other purpose (non-classroom components), local government expenditures are estimated to increase. Such increase in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,000; however, such use of funds would be at the local government's discretion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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